

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP2003/007457 filed July 10, 2003**

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-30 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended to delete inappropriate original section headings and to replace them or insert new preferred section headings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.77. A new Title of the Invention has been inserted. An Abstract of the Disclosure, in accordance with the disclosure, has been added on an attached separate specification page 40. It is submitted that the amendments to the Specification made herein introduce no new matter. A separate page containing a clean copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure has been attached for the Examiner's convenience. New paragraphs and Section Headings have been added in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i) & (iii), and paragraph deletions indicated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i) & (iv). Entry of the amendments to the Specification made herein are therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Original claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-30 solely for the purposes of improving clarity and grammar, which may suffer in translation, and in order to remove multiple dependencies, and not for any reason which relates to the statutory requirements for a patent. New claims 11-30 have not been added in response to any rejection, nor in anticipation of any rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of new claims 11-30 generally corresponds to the scope of original claims 1-10, and that new claims 11-30 are no narrower than original claims 1-10. Furthermore, although a moot point in view of their cancellation, Applicants respectfully submit that original claims 1-10 satisfied the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, as filed. New claims 11-30 are supported by the claims as originally filed and in the Specification, for example, at page 2, line 6, through page 4, line 29; and the Examples. No new matter has been introduced.

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Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments  
made herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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